

Market Price Report

The MAU tracks market prices in southern Sagaing Region. Data are collected from three vendors per product per market at the end of each month. The data include prices from Monywa (main market), Myaung (Na Bet), Shwebo (main market), Ye-U (Tin Tein Yan), and Yinmarbin (Yin Paung Taing). Data and product specs are available at www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

KEY FINDINGS

- **Prices for rice and pulses rose at least 8% in January**, although cooking oil prices fell 6% or more;
- **Vegetable prices fell 9% or more across markets** with lower prices for onion, eggplant, and long bean;
- **Meat and fish price trends varied by market** with Myaung and Ye-U experiencing lower prices;
- **Prices for hygiene products were largely stable** except in Monywa where prices were generally higher;
- **Most NFI prices increased 3-12% in Monywa**, and prices for tarps and other NFIs rose 2-7% across markets;
- **Monywa saw a second month of broad price hikes**, although increases this month were more limited to NFIs;
- **Yinmarbin saw notable price stability in January** after notable price increases for NFIs in December.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Prices for rice and pulses rose at least 8% in January, although cooking oil prices fell 6% or more. Prices for rice and pulses increased in three of five markets monitored, rising at least 8% and 6%, respectively. By contrast, cooking oil prices declined for a second straight month, falling 6% or more across markets.

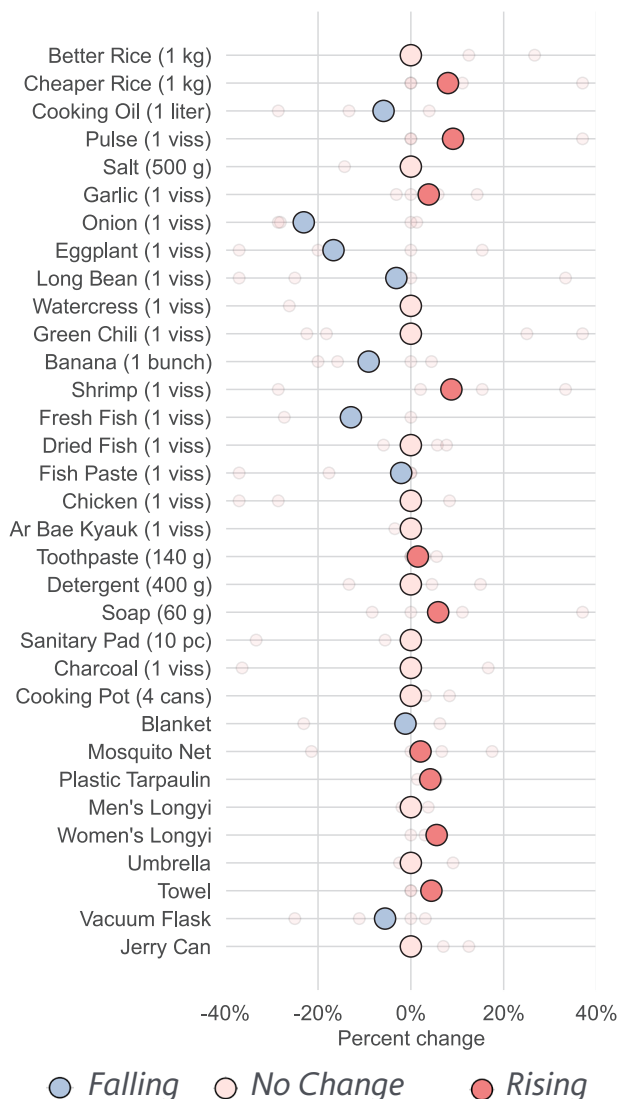
Vegetables – Many vegetable prices fell at least 9%, with lower prices in most markets monitored. Long bean, eggplant, and onion fell in three of five markets, declining at least 3%, 17%, and 23%, respectively. Prices for green chili fluctuated, while garlic prices rose 4-14%. Prices for watercress were stable.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish price trends varied by market again in January, with lower prices in Myaung and Ye-U. Meat and fish prices fell at least 6% in Myaung and at least 13% in Ye-U. Meat and fish prices were stable in Shwebo and Yinmarbin, and they fluctuated 12-15% in Monywa.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products were fairly stable in January, except in Monywa where prices rose. Prices for hygiene products rose 3-6% in Monywa, but elsewhere there were few clear trends. Prices for hygiene products fluctuated up to 33% in a few isolated cases but were otherwise mostly unchanged. Prices for hygiene products were stable in Shwebo.

Other NFIs – NFI prices rose again in Monywa, and they increased moderately in other markets. Prices for plastic tarps, mosquito nets, longyis, and towels, were up 2-7% in most markets in January. Prices increased 3-12% for all NFIs monitored in Monywa, marking a second straight month of significant price hikes there. NFI prices were stable in Yinmarbin, where they rose sharply last month.

Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

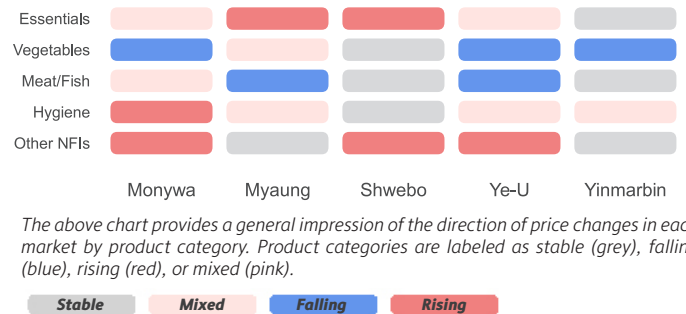
Monywa saw a second month of rising prices in January, while Ye-U experienced some relief from last month's NFI price hikes. Half of all products monitored in Monywa increased at least 5% in January, and one-quarter increased 8% or more. In contrast to December, price increases in Monywa in January affected NFIs more than food items. By contrast, NFIs were fairly stable in Myaung even as one-quarter of all prices monitored there increased at least 7%. Half of all prices monitored in Ye-U fell 2% or more, and one-quarter fell 19%. Prices were quite stable in Yinmarbin.

Chart 2. Price Change for All Products, by Township (One Month)



The above chart provides a general impression of the frequency of rising/falling prices in each market. Horizontal bands represent the density of products at a given percent-change. Red indicates rising prices, blue indicates falling prices.

Chart 3. Direction of Price Change, by Township and Product Category (One Month)



The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

Prices for January 2024 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,400	3,600	3,800	2,600	3,200
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,500	2,700	2,500	1,600	2,500
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	3,400	4,000	3,950	3,900	5,000
Pulse (1 viss)	9,700	6,600	5,500	7,200	6,500
Salt (500 g)	300	250	300	-	500
Garlic (1 viss)	25,000	16,000	15,500	18,000	13,500
Onion (1 viss)	2,300	2,500	3,950	2,000	2,500
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,500	1,000	1,400	1,000	1,200
Long Bean (1 viss)	1,700	2,000	1,500	1,550	1,500
Watercress (1 viss)	800	-	1,400	775	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	1,800	2,500	3,500	2,250	3,500
Banana (1 bunch)	2,000	2,000	2,350	1,600	1,900
Shrimp (1 viss)	15,000	20,000	-	10,000	12,250
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	7,000	8,000	-	6,500	12,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	18,500	16,000	14,000	17,500	20,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,700	6,000	2,800	2,750	4,000
Chicken (1 viss)	6,500	10,000	12,500	8,000	9,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	20,000	24,000	14,500	14,000	20,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,700	1,400	1,900	-	1,700
Detergent (400 g)	1,150	1,150	1,300	1,300	1,500
Soap (60 g)	900	1,100	900	1,800	1,000
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	850	800	1,000	1,000	1,200
Charcoal (1 viss)	700	700	350	750	800
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	6,500	7,800	6,400	8,250	7,250
Blanket	8,500	10,000	-	10,500	8,750
Mosquito Net	8,000	11,000	11,750	12,250	12,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	15,800	17,750	-	19,000	17,000
Men's Longyi	8,300	7,800	5,250	12,750	8,500
Women's Longyi	8,000	8,000	8,500	9,000	9,500
Umbrella	6,000	9,000	6,750	7,950	7,750
Towel	4,000	2,700	2,200	5,900	3,250

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- Financial services, including financial services providers, household and business access to finance and remittances; and
- Labor markets (formal and informal), with a focus on agricultural labor and low-wage sectors (e.g., construction, food services).

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